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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHEN, YANG

Examiner

Tom Y. Lu

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-17 and 19-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-17 and 19-34 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 35-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment and written response filed on 11/04/2004 has been entered.
2. Claims 1 and 18 have been cancelled.
3. Claims 35-44 are newly added.
4. Claims 2-17 and 19-44 are pending.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments see Remarks pages 17-19, filed 11/04/2004, with respect to claims 3 and 20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 3 and 20 has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claim 35-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

- a. With regard to Claim 35, the explanation with regard to limitation "radar image" is nowhere to be found in the specification. Additionally, there is no explanation with regard to the processing of "comparing the *non-moving objects from the*

radar image with the object parameters of the stationary object”. The closest explanation in the specification, page 7, lines 9-10, discloses the radar sensor reports the position and relative motion of the object, and compares the position and the relative motion of the object with the features extracted from the input image, such comparison is greatly different from “comparing the non-moving objects from the radar image with the object parameters of the stationary object” because the plain meaning of “non-moving objects from the radar image” is there are actually objects displayed in the radar image. Since there is no radar image, there will be no objects displayed in such image. The applicant is advised to better amend the claim limitations to reflect the scope of the claim.

- b. Claims 36-39 are rejected as being dependent upon Claim 35.
- c. With regard to Claim 40, see explanation in Claim 35.
- d. Claims 41-44 are rejected as being dependent upon Claim 40.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

- 7. Claims 35-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd paragraph.
 - a. Claim 35 recites the limitation "radar image" in line 10. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
 - b. Claims 36-39 are rejected as being dependent upon Claim 35.
 - c. Claim 40 is rejected for the same reason given in Claim 35.
 - d. Claims 41-44 are rejected as being dependent upon Claim 40.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 2-17 and 19-34 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

- a. Independent claims 3 and 20 are allowed based on the convincing arguments recited in the Remarks, pages 17-19, filed on 11/04/2004.
 - b. Claims 2 and 4-17 are dependent upon Claim 3.
 - c. Claims 19 and 21-34 are dependent upon Claim 20.
9. Claims 35-44 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sugawara, EP 0932052 A2, see the whole document.

11. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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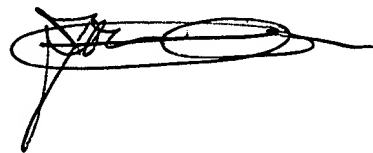
however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Y. Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7393. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Tom Y. Lu

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JOSE L. COUSI", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER